HIT THE AIRWAVES: WHETHER DRIVING TO WORK, OR PICKING THE KIDS UP FROM SCHOOL, PEOPLE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THEIR LOCAL RADIO STATION. RECORD A RADIO ACTUALITY DETAILING HOW THE REPUBLICAN STIMULUS PLAN WILL BENEFIT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, AND LET THE AIRWAVES CARRY YOUR MESSAGE.

PRESIDENTS' DAY SPEECH: WE ARE ABOUT TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHS OF TWO HISTORIC AMERICANS, PRESIDENTS WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN. THEIR STORIES INSPIRE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS TO THIS DAY, AND ITS RIGHT THAT WE SHOULD REFLECT UPON THE IMPACT THEIR LIVES CONTINUE TO HAVE ON OUR NATION.

PUBLISH AN OP-ED: THIS TRADITIONAL MEDIUM CONTINUES TO BE AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF COMMUNICATING NEW IDEAS. 63 PERCENT OF AMERICANS READ THEIR LOCAL PAPER – REPUBLICANS CAN'T AFFORD TO LEAVE THE PAGES OF THESE PAPERS VOID OF OUR IDEAS.

SHARE STORIES FROM THE HEARTLAND: TO MAKE OUR CASE IN WASHINGTON, THE VOICES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MUST BE HEARD. SHARE THE STORIES YOU HEAR ABOUT THE FRUSTRATION WITH THE DEMOCRATIC SPENDING BILL, AND WE WILL BE SURE TO HIGHLIGHT THESE STORIES FROM THE HEARTLAND AT WWW.GOP.GOV.

As you plan these events, the House Republican Conference is here to serve you and your staff and help ensure your district work period is a success. Please don't hesitate to call us if we can help you plan any of these events or share templates for speeches or op-eds.

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THE RECESS CHALLENGE

Next week will afford you a valuable opportunity to carry the Republican message to the constituents in your district. Below are suggested events:

EDITORIAL BOARD MEETINGS: GET TO KNOW THE EDITORS OF YOUR LOCAL PAPER — THEY KNOW WHO YOU ARE! ENGAGE THEM ON THE IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE COUNTRY AND YOUR DISTRICT, AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO REPORT ON THE SOLUTIONS REPUBLICANS OFFER.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS: WITH MANY AMERICANS STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY, CONSTITUENTS ARE EAGER TO PERSONALLY ENGAGE THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO KNOW YOU CARE.

VISIT A LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS: SMALL BUSINESSES REPRESENT MORE THAN 99 PERCENT OF ALL BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTRY. CHANCES ARE — A SMALL BUSINESS IS IN YOUR DISTRICT, AND IT'S BEEN IMPACTED BY THIS ECONOMY. MEET WITH THE OWNERS, HEAR THEIR STORY, AND ASK HOW THE SMALL BUSINESS TAX DEDUCTION IN THE REPUBLICAN ALTERNATIVE PLAN COULD HAVE HELPED SAVE OR CREATE JOBS IN THEIR BUSINESS.

VISIT A LOCAL CAREER CENTER: MORE THAN 3 MILLION WORKERS HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS IN THE PAST YEAR. CAREER CENTERS OFFER THE SKILLS TRAINING AND JOB COUNSEL THAT WILL HELP GET AMERICANS BACK TO WORK. ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE AT THE LOCAL JOB CENTERS AND TELL THEM OF THE REPUBLICAN PLAN TO HELP CREATE MORE THAN 6 MILLION NEW JOBS.